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ratchet mechanism. The tension straps spread impact forces across a number of adjacent barrier sections 10, better dissipating the impact.--

IN THE CLAIMS

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Please amend Claim 34 to now read as follows:

34. (Amended) A modular barrier, comprising:  
a plurality of barrier sections, with each barrier section of said plurality of barrier sections including:  
a comparatively narrow upright portion having one or more projections at each end; and,  
a comparatively wide base portion including, at a female end of said barrier section, a nose having a surface that is a first surface of rotation and, at a male end, a cavity having a surface that is a second surface of rotation, wherein for each said barrier section there is an additional barrier section, so that when said female end of said barrier section is placed up to a male end of said additional barrier section, said projections of said female end of said barrier section, and of said male end of said additional barrier section, mate with one another for enabling a hinge pin to be passed through said projections of said barrier section and said additional barrier section, so mated, for articulating said barrier section and said addition-